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1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA APPEARED IN ZAIRIAN PRESS JANUARY 10:

2. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) REPORT REFERRED TO SOVIET WARSHIPS ("ONE MISSILE-LAUNCHING DESTROYER AND ONE SIZABLE TRANSPORT") ENROUTE TO ANGOLA. SAID THIS PRESENCE IS AN AFFRONT TO AFRICAN DIGNITY, A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION BY THE "SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS". SAID THAT "PROFOUND CONCERN" EXPRESSED BY WASHINGTON SCARCELY GREATER THAN THAT OF AFRICANS GATHERED AT ADDIS.

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3. AZAP ARTICLE DATED MBANZA KONGO (ANGOLA) CITED LETTER FROM FNLA PRESIDENT HOLDEN TO OAU PRESIDENT AMIN IN WHICH HOLDEN REQUESTED EXCLUSION OF ALGERIA, SOMALIA, BURUNDI AND GHANA FROM OAU COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON ANGOLA. REASON GIVEN FOR REQUEST WAS THAT COUNTRIES INDICATED HAD RECOGNIZED MPLA, HENCE COULD NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED NEUTRAL. (EARLIER FNLA REQUEST, REFTEL, DEMANDED EXCLUSION OF SOMALIA AND BURUNDI ONLY. HOLDEN'S FOLLOW-UP BRINGS FNLA INTO LINE WITH UNITA ON THIS POINT.)

4. AZAP STORY DATED KINSHASA REPORTED JANUARY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE BY FLEC SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BALLU. AFTER RE-STATING FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS FOR SEPARATE STATUS FOR CABINDA, BALLU SAID CABINDA ARMED FORCES (FAC) HAVE SUFFERED AERIAL BOMBARDMENT AND ARE NOW FACING MPLA MERCENARIES (CUBAN AND SOVIET) WHO ENTERED CABINDA THROUGH CONGO. BUT, SAID BALLU, FAC HAS HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY CABINDAN DESERTERS FROM MPLA IN NORTHEAST. CLAIMED 800 ENEMY KILLED - INCLUDING RUSSIANS, CUBANS, MOZAMBICANS, GUINEANS AND CONGOLESE, WITH ONLY 11 FAC SOLDIERS LOST. AMONG ENEMY KILLED, CLAIMED ONE CUBAN GENERAL COMMANDING OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH. CALLED ON UNHCR AND FRIENDLY POWERS TO AID ESTIMATED 15,056 CABINDAN REFUGEES. APROPOS OF FLEC UNITY, BALLU SAID TWO FLEC "GOVERNMENTS" HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED, NOW JOINED IN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL UNION. SAID, FINALLY, THAT OAU SUMMIT AT ADDIS CONCERNED ONLY WITH ANGOLA. FLEC WOULD NOT ATTEND. BUT BALLU CALLED FOR LATER MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE TO DISCUSS CABINDAN PROBLEM.

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